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## *From the Desk of the President*



Another year is beginning, a year which it is hoped will carry the Mahoning Valley and the rest of our country into better times. This new year, with its many new beginnings, will hopefully bring fresh ideas, attitudes and faces into the fold of the Mahoning County Medical Society.

Since 1972, I have intermittently had the pleasure to serve on Council as a representative, to serve as a delegate to the OSMA and more recently I have served as Vice-President. It is a fact of life that organizations such as ours do not run themselves, do not make decisions, do not have direction or pursue goals other than through the guidance of their individual members and their elected representatives.

A society of physicians is a most diverse group, with colors at all points of the philosophical, religious, political and social spectrum. Physicians are most often individualists prone to be leaders rather than followers, go-it-aloners rather than groupers. Any organization trying to be representative of such a variety of individuals has a difficult task indeed. Assuming a leadership role in such a society poses many theoretical and real pitfalls — many insoluble.

The society meetings are one of the few opportunities we have to get together as physicians without the gulf of staff affiliation entering the picture: a gulf that is artificial but real, which acts as an impediment to defining and implementing the wider interests of us as physicians of Mahoning County. These meetings afford an occasion for personal contact and communication with each other so vital to our growth as a society. If we develop these meetings into a time for sharing views, airing concerns and formulating policy, then perhaps our society could become a more representative organization; its policies could become more reflective of our collective views. This can only come about if each of us will become more involved. I wish to see the meetings better attended as I feel these gatherings are critical to meld our membership into an organization not just of physicians and colleagues — but friends, able to help each other and able to present a unified voice against all those critics intent today on changing the practice of medicine, usually to the detriment of the patient and physician as well.

We will try to make our meetings more interesting, thought provoking and diverse to encourage better attendance. We will maintain the innovative ideas that Dr. Kiskaddon initiated in 1982 and expand upon them where we can. We will continue the great tradition of representing the best interest of our patients and the physicians of Mahoning Valley.

I will try to be responsive to your suggestions and I would welcome your ideas as to how we can, together, make this organization better. Please join me in making this year of '83 a year of continued progress and revitalization. A year that will see a rekindling of fellowship within our local society of Physicians.

The best of the New Year!

P. J. Mahar, Jr.



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## Editorial

### ILLNESS OR WELLNESS?

Medicine is constantly changing, sometimes for the better and sometimes for the worse, depending upon the viewpoint of the observer.

It has run the gamut of witchdoctors, charlatans, self-proclaimed experts, scientific and measurable marvels, and, excellent clinicians. We have prayed over people. We have submitted them to bizarre modes of therapy. We have seen them go long distances, spending greatly in pursuit of nebulous dreams. We have concentrated on solving identifiable problems. We have watched people miraculously survive while others died.

Then there have been visionaries who persisted despite prejudice, ignorance and fear to produce the milestones which brilliantly marked medicine's progress. But, there have been, likewise, forces both within and without medicine which could react with short-term solutions, apparently oblivious to the following flood.

The Flexner era ushered in modern concepts for meeting illness crises as the public was appalled at many medical practices of that time. World War II with attendant research and specialization aided by government and private funds spawned superspecialization and added costs — for research, more jobs, mountains of paper. As with the cost plus for wartime stimuli to production increases, enough followers found uses for the money available.

Sophistication entered. Economics burgeoned. Constraints threatened. Costs overrode funds. Suddenly, it was no longer good just to treat disease. We must prevent problems — risk factors, iatrogenic illness, wellness programs. The public wants. Public servants respond. Those providing health care are challenged.

Does the educational system need another alteration? One journal article suggests changing from D.O.P.E. (Disease Oriented Physician Education) to H.O.P.E. (Health Oriented Physician Education). Are the schools geared to this and are we on the front line understanding enough of it to meet it successfully?

The pressures toward wellness, unless carefully monitored, could influence candidate selection, education and care delivery adversely. Prudence should dictate a good balance.

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## THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES

Bob Hope said it so well, and I repeat it because I am deeply grateful to this great medical society. You have given me so much support and many personal expressions of approval during the past year. This society has had its faults, but it is recognized all over the state as a bastion of sincere physicians who are willing to take a stand. We are fortunate to have a fine corps of dedicated young doctors coming into our leadership. With the many new faces we are reminded to thank Bob Blakk for instigating the new picture album. It has been my purpose to study the peace and harmony of this society, to listen to all of those who have positive, unselfish solutions to our problems, and to expedite as many of these ideas as possible. Exemplary of such suggestions was that of Gust Boulis to arrange for CME credit for some of our society meetings. This coincided beautifully with my basic thought that our primary interest was in medical topics, and the progressively doubling attendance at each successive meeting attests to your approval. Further credit goes to Dick Juvancic for doing a great job on our *Bulletin*. It was my intent to have an excellent scientific article as well as a family fun article written by members of our organization. My thanks must be expressed to Jack Schreiber for suggesting the combined Hospital Staffs' and Medical Society meetings, and also to Bill Bunn (our Program Chairman) for such a superb choice as Dr. Nannette Wenger as our first Joseph Paul and Mary Collins Harvey Lecturer. This meeting provided a good opportunity to try a coordinated Hospital, Medical Society, NEOUCOM activity. The Harvey Committee has begun a further attempt to make the lecturer more available to the house staffs of each hospital as well as the medical college in 1983. Both students and practitioners expressed delight in being able to discuss medical information with such an authority. Your Mahoning County Medical Society Foundation's strong support of six of the area medical students is an added contribution to our consortium of medicine.

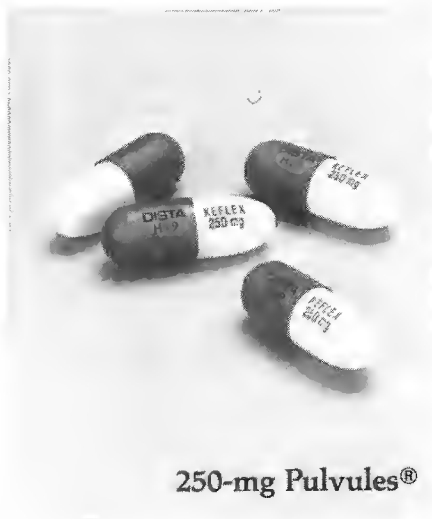
Another frequent suggestion was that we change the site of our medical meetings. We have used four different places this year and would welcome your statement of preference.

We have all taken a new breath of hope with the dissolution of the law suit and the political demise of our main antagonist. Perhaps we should use the excess of our investment earnings as a legal insurance fund for future protection. After a reasonable amount has accumulated, we could carry an inexpensive catastrophic insurance policy for excess coverage. We should continue to inform our membership about the alternatives of controversial issues which relate to good patient care.

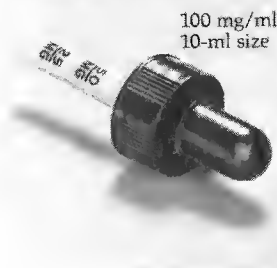
Many new faces are appearing at our meetings and at our committee functions and on our council. This speaks well for the representative body of thought which leads our society. This has led to an increase in our total membership with a proportionate increase in our representation to the OSMA. We are honored by the fact that Jim Anderson has been chosen as the SIXTH DISTRICT COUNCILOR and we are well represented at the AMA by our own "Doctor of the Year" Jack Schreiber. Therefore, we are in a position to speak out for medicine. We should be able to speak against those who talk in terms of medicine as a "product" and especially against those non-medical people who propose to "market medical practice" for us. We are a profession with much more to dispense than a product. We are going to be confronted by an ever-increasing host of non-medical do-gooders who will tell us how to practice medicine and how we should change from the system which has provided THE HIGHEST QUALITY OF MEDICAL CARE AND RESEARCH ever given to mankind. If we follow this untrained leadership, we will end up with a bad result and the patient will suffer.

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for their own business gain. We need to be aware of the reasons why we cannot afford to miss each medical society meeting, and we need to give our ideas to our representatives to the State and National organizations. Use your natural survival instincts and put your medical society high on your priority list. We cannot afford to give up the "solidarity" of an active unified Mahoning County Medical Society. It is ours. Let us keep it strong.

Thank you for permitting me to serve you.

R. M. Kiskaddon, M.D.

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### DR. MAHAR, JR. IS NEW PRESIDENT

P. J. Mahar, Jr., M.D. was elected president of the Mahoning County Medical Society at the December 21 meeting and Glenn J. Baumbblatt, M.D. was elected vice president. Named to the post of treasurer was A. Z. Rabinowitz, M.D.

Dr. Mahar has chosen Dr. Richard Juvancic as *Bulletin* editor, Dr. B. Patrick Brucoli as public relations director, and Dr. James A. Lambert as program chairman.

Others elected December 21 were: Dr. J. C. Melnick, delegate; Drs. D. E. Pichette, J. A. Lambert and D. J. Dallis, alternate delegates; Drs. A. Di-Domenico, T. N. Detesco, M. I. Jacobson, D. H. H. Levy and S. D. Grossman, council members-at-large; Drs. S. F. Gaylord and D. E. Pichette, foundation trustees; and Dr. W. E. Sovik, representative to Blue Cross.

Dr. J. James Anderson, Sixth District OSMA Councilor and Society member, presented 50-year awards from OSMA to Drs. Louis Scharf, Walter J. Tims and Charles Waltner. Dr. Morris Roseblum and Dr. Durbin T. Yoder also were honored for 50 years in medicine but were not present to receive the award.

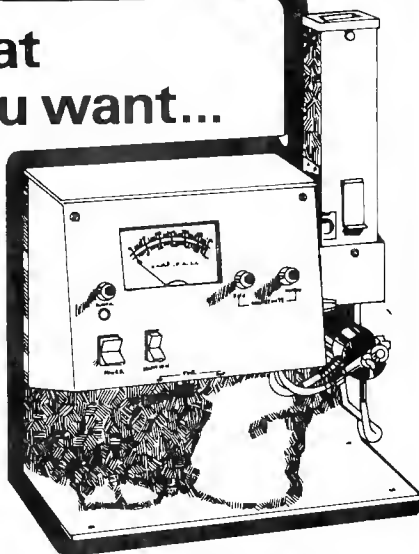
Dr. Robert Kiskaddon, president, presented the "Doctor of the Year" award to Dr. Jack Schreiber, who was accompanied to the meeting by his wife, his son, Jonathan, and his daughter, Meredyth.

Other officers serving in 1983 are: Dr. H. S. Wang, secretary; Dr. J. J. Anderson, K. F. Wieneke, C. E. Pichette and W. E. Sovik, delegates; Drs. R. A. Memo and J. W. Tandatnick, alternate delegates; Drs. A. G. Bitonte, N. A. Jaffer, J. S. Gregori, J. G. Guju and P. R. Lakhani, council members-at-large.

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## PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

### December 14, 1982

The regular meeting of the Council of the Mahoning County Medical Society was held Tuesday, December 14, 1982 at the Youngstown Club.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Dr. Kiskaddon.

The minutes of the previous meeting, having been read, were approved.

The bills were read and a motion made, seconded and passed to pay each bill.

The treasurer's report listed the names of three physicians who will be notified by registered mail that they will be suspended from membership in the Society if their 1982 dues are not paid by the 31st of December.

The following applications were presented for membership:

#### ACTIVE:

Valerie Gilchrist, M.D.

Paul A. Dobson, M.D.

#### ASSOCIATE:

Frank H. Krautter, M.D.

Demetrios E. Lagoutaris, M.D.

Silpachai Siripong, M.D.

The applicants will become members of the Mahoning County Medical Society in the voted category 15 days after publication of the names in the *Bulletin* unless objection is filed in writing with the executive director before that time.

Dr. Kiskaddon took note of a letter from People to People Mission to Eastern and Southern Europe.

A communication concerning Licensure of Terminal Distributors of Dangerous Drugs was presented and members were informed that physicians do not have to have the license, even though they receive a form from the State Pharmaceutical Board.

A form letter from ASIM that can be sent to patients who have suffered unemployment was presented to the Council. It was recommended that a copy of the letter be included with the minutes and each physician be encouraged to use the letter.

An invitation from Health-O-Rama was read and the executive director was instructed to decline the invitation.

A solicitation from the former HSA agency, seeking approval of its wellness program, was tabled and the executive instructed to contact the agency. The agency now goes under the name of Voluntary Health Planning and Promotion Agency.

Notice of the Leadership Conference, sponsored by AMA in Chicago, was read and referred to the next meeting. Dr. Anderson noted he might be attending the conference as Sixth District Councilor.

The AMA policy on dues was presented, showing that starting in 1983 billing year, the following will be exempt from AMA dues: physicians suffering financial hardship and/or disability, physicians age 65-69 and retired from the practice of medicine, and physicians age 70 regardless of retirement status.

Dr. Nazim Jaffer was welcomed as a new member of the Council. He was informed his formal swearing-in would occur at the January meeting of the Society.

The report of the Medically Indigent Committee showed 82 responses to date to the questionnaire concerning provision of medical service to indigents. It was suggested the balance of the members be canvassed and asked to return the questionnaire.

It was noted that March 14th is the deadline for resolutions for submission to the OSMA Annual Meeting. The resolutions must be in the Columbus office by March 14.

Dr. Anderson, Sixth District Councilor, gave a report on the recent OSMA Council meeting he attended in Columbus. He noted the OSMA never

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acts on a strictly partisan basis and has good relations with both parties in Columbus. He reported briefly on some PICO activities and explained why the rate structure is as it is.

Dr. Kiskaddon received accolades from the members present in recognition of the work he has done with the Council and the Society during the past year as president. It was particularly noted that attendance at all the functions increased as a result of his efforts.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Robert Blake  
Executive Director

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<b>Jan. 17</b> S. W. Chaisson	<b>Jan. 27</b> A. D. Kasamias	<b>Feb. 6</b> M. J. Lenhart
<b>Jan. 18</b> G. H. Davies E. O. Galanternik	<b>Jan. 29</b> J. Politis	<b>Feb. 7</b> Y. T. Chiu C. B. Klodell
<b>Jan. 19</b> N. B. Nicoloff	<b>Jan. 30</b> A. G. Garg	<b>Feb. 9</b> V. G. Raghavan F. A. Rich
<b>Jan. 20</b> F. W. Morrison	<b>Jan. 31</b> Saul Tamarkin	<b>Feb. 11</b> A. J. Manganaro
<b>Jan. 21</b> J. J. Buckley M. H. Speck J. C. Hightower	<b>Feb. 2</b> A. S. Weinberg	<b>Feb. 12</b> S. D. Goldberg
<b>Jan. 22</b> R. S. Lupse	<b>Feb. 3</b> S. L. Davidow P. H. Kennedy R. M. Kiskaddon	<b>Feb. 13</b> J. J. Gonzalez P. E. Ruth F. H. Krautter
<b>Jan. 23</b> K. Wegner	<b>Feb. 4</b> J. R. Hill	<b>Feb. 15</b> R. N. Catoline
<b>Jan. 24</b> F. M. Lamprich		

### NON-RESIDENT MEMBERS

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Jack Malkoff, M.D.	

## YHA CME CALENDAR — A/C

- JANUARY 15, 1983 8:00 a.m. Hitchcock. Tumor Conference. "Early Dx of Breast Ca". A. A. Detesco, M.D., Moderator. Cat. I and Presc. 1 hour.
- JANUARY 18, 1983 8:00 a.m. Tower 2. Emergency "Chest Pain" Fred Kunkel, M.D., Director YHA Cardiology. Cat. I and Presc. 1 hour (pending)
- JANUARY 20, 1983 8:00 a.m. Tod #2 Pediatric Rounds. Cat. I.
- JANUARY 20, 1983 8:00 a.m. Tod #3 Family Practice. "Pelvic Inflammatory Disease" Valerie Gilchrist, M.D., YHA F. P. Center. Cat. I and Presc. 1 hour.
- JANUARY 20, 1983 8:00 a.m. Hitchcock. Internal Medicine "Brain Death" David Jackson, M.D., C.W.R.U. Chief Critical Care. Cat. I and Presc. (pending). 1 hour.
- JANUARY 22, 1983 8:00 am. Hitchcock. Tumor Conference "Treatment of Brain Metastasis". A. Garg, M.D., YHA Neurosurgery Service. Cat. I and Presc. 1 hour.
- JANUARY 25, 1983 8:00 a.m. Tower 2 Emergency. "GI Bleed" J. Hong, M.D., YHA GI Service. Cat. I and Presc. 1 hour (pending).
- JANUARY 27, 1983 8:00 a.m. SEHMC Pediatric Rounds. Cat. I.

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Legionella micdadei (Pitts. Pneumonia Agent)	Erythromycin	TMP/SMZ Rifampin
Listeria monocytogenes	Ampicillin or Penicillin-G + Gentamicin	Erythromycin Chloramphenicol
Mycoplasma pneumoniae	Erythromycin	Tetracycline
Neisseria gonorrhoeae	Penicillin-G	Spectinomycin Tetracycline Ampicillin Cefoxitin
Neisseria meningitidis	Penicillin-G	Chloramphenicol
Nocardia asteroides	Sulfonamide	Minocycline Cycloserine
Pasturella multocida	Penicillin-G	Tetracycline
Proteus mirabilis	Ampicillin	Cephalosporin Gentamicin
Proteus sp. other than mirabilis	Gentamicin	Carbenicillin 2nd or 3rd generation Cephalosporin
Providencia sp.	Gentamicin	Carbenicillin Amikacin
Pseudomonas aeruginosa	Gentamicin + Carbenicillin	Amikacin
Pseudomonas cepacia	TMP/SMZ	Variable
Pseudomonas pseudomallei	TMP/SMZ	Chloramphenicol Kanamycin Tetracycline
Rickettsial sp.	Tetracycline	Chloramphenicol
Salmonella typhi		
a) not acquired in Mexico or SE Asia	Chloramphenicol	Amoxicillin TMP/SMZ
b) acquired in Mexico or SE Asia	Amoxicillin or TMP/SMZ	Chloramphenicol
Serratia marcescens	Gentamicin	Amikacin Carbenicillin Cefotaxime
Shigella sp.		
a) not acquired in Mexico or Central America	TMP/SMZ	Ampicillin
b) multiply resistant strains in Mexico or Central America	Nalidixic acid or Oxolinic acid or TMP/SMZ	
Staph. aureus		
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Strep. anaerobic (Peptostreptococcus)	Penicillin-G	Erythromycin Vancomycin Clindamycin
Strep. bovis (Group D, non- enterococcus)	Penicillin-G	Cephalosporin Vancomycin Erythromycin
Strep. faecalis (Group D entero- coccus)	Penicillin-G or Ampicillin plus Streptomycin or Gentamicin	Vancomycin plus Streptomycin or Gentamicin
Strep. pneumoniae a) Penicillin - sensitive	Penicillin	Erythromycin Cephalosporin Chloramphenicol
b) Penicillin - resistant (rare in U.S.A. now)	Vancomycin	Rifampin (?)
beta-hemolytic Strep. (Groups A, B, C, G)	Penicillin	Cephalosporin Erythromycin
alpha-hemolytic Strep. (viridans Strep.)	Penicillin	Cephalosporin Vancomycin Erythromycin
Yersinia enterocolitica	Gentamicin	Tetracycline
Yersinia pestis (Plague)	Streptomycin	Chloramphenicol Tetracycline

<sup>a</sup>Tobramycin can usually be substituted for Gentamicin  
and Ticarcillin can be substituted for Carbenicillin

<sup>b</sup>Methicillin, Nafcillin, Oxacillin, Cloxacillin or  
Dicloxacillin

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It has been said that sagacity is enduring and to prove that saying, we are reprinting a "President's Page" that was composed by Dr. C. E. Pichette in 1973. Read it and see if it isn't just as pertinent now as it was then.

"The major issue facing the medical profession at this time is who is going to control the health establishment, the second largest industry of the nation. At stake is the well-being of the American people for generations to come.

"Many different groups are vying with each other alone or in conjunction with the government or one another to bring about change. Besides the Federal Government, there are the labor unions, the Insurance Companies, the American Hospital Association, social-planners, etc. Each has a plan for gaining control of the practice of medicine.

"The need for a change in the system of delivery of medical care is predicated on several factors, some real, some unreal, some irrelevant but propagandistically valuable. There are charges that the system is not a system; charges of excessive costs; charges of inaccessibility; charges of poor quality; charges of irrelevance; charges of lack of innovation; charges of lack of involvement. There are also charges that would seem to make the medical profession responsible for poverty, for poor housing, for malnutrition, for lack of education, for drug addiction and alcoholism, for boredom in industry, for pollution, for aging - - because all of these and others affect the health of the people entrusted to its care (facts known from old but recently rediscovered and refurbished).

"These groups seek to control the health establishment variously motivated all the way from a naked search for power up to the most altruistic of reasons.

"They have advanced various plans and methods of achieving those plans. Each of these plans needs for its success the control, either totally, or in major portion, of the physicians delivering the care to the patient, for without them no plan can work (something to remember whether changes come or not.

"Most, if not all, of the schemes have been tried either here in the United States or in other countries with varying emphasis on different phases and with varying degrees of success and failure. It would do well for us as a nation to investigate them carefully and thereby avoid the expensive folly of embarking on already disproven impractical and ineffective ventures.

"In the not too distant future, each of us in the United States (layman and professional) is going to have to make a decision as to whether a drastic change is necessary or desirable. Once that decision to make a change is done, most of us and our progeny will be saddled with it for years to come. A select few will be allowed the privilege of choice outside of it (the rich and the otherwise privileged).

"There are many of use practicing physicians (probably a majority) who feel that present system has, with all its faults, the best possibility of approaching the desired degree of perfection. If this is so, then it is our duty and our moral obligation to defend this system against any and all who would destroy it, and to work within it toward that end.

"Once again, at stake is the health of the American people for years to come. This is too precious a heritage to be allowed to be the pawn in the play for power by any group."

# From the Bulletin

## FIFTY YEARS AGO — JANUARY, 1933

It was the sixty-first year of the Medical Society and the second year of the *Bulletin*.

President Harvey wrote, "We cannot look forward to a new year of great prosperity with poverty, unemployment and deflated credit everywhere about us . . . With the inroads of the depression having affected all classes of people we see the medical profession battered to its knees but doing its best to serve this community."

On the recommendation of Council the city closed its dispensary and all indigent sick were referred to the hospital dispensaries. There was no Mahoning County Relief then, no Aid for Aged and no Unemployment Compensation. The doctors agreed to treat their old patients on any basis they could afford but they were feeling the pinch too, with most of their patients unemployed and permitted to draw out only a small amount each month from their savings in the banks.

New members that month were Henry Sisek, Walter Mermis and Peter J. McOwen.

## FORTY YEARS AGO — JANUARY, 1943

President-Elect Nagel assumed the duties of President. George McKelvey was Secretary, Saul Tamarkin, Treasurer, Bill Bunn (Sr.) headed the program committee and Elmer Wenaas the social committee. Delegates were E. J. Reilly, John McCann and Wm. Skipp. Alternates were James Birch, Pete McOwen and Paul Fuzy.

France, Belgium and Holland had fallen to the Nazis but American forces had landed at Casablanca in November and the Navy had plastered the Japanese fleet at Midway. John R. Buchanan reported for active duty with the Army and J. L. Fisher with the Navy. Louis Deitchman, John Goldstein and Marvin Goldstein wrote to complain about not receiving the *Bulletin*. Tommy Tims was in England, Stan Myers and Bill Evans were in the South Pacific.

Dr. Wm. L. Mermis became a member of the Society.

## THIRTY YEARS AGO — JANUARY, 1953

Vernon Goodwin was the new President and Harold Reese the Editor. Dr. Goodwin was concerned about the many meetings the doctors had to attend which affected the Medical Society meetings. Reese was pleading for the members to supply material to make an interesting *Bulletin*. He was finding out that many were willing to tell him but the writing and editing were up to him and usually done when he should be sleeping.

James Brown was President-Elect. G. E. DeCicco was Secretary and A. K. Philips was Treasurer. Delegates were S. W. Ondash, Ivan Smith and Skipp.

Kenneth Camp was President of the Academy of General Practice, H. E. McGregor was President-Elect and Herman Ipp was Treasurer. A post-graduate course in endocrinology was announced.

New members that month were: Leon L. Bernstein, Kalman C. Kunin, David R. Brody, N. T. Martin, J. L. Craig and Carol Craig. There were 247 active members, 13 junior active, 4 associate, 15 interne, 11 non-resident and 10 honorary, total 300.

## TWENTY YEARS AGO — JANUARY, 1963

Asher Randall was the new President. Jack Schreiber was President-Elect. C. E. Pichette was Secretary and George Cook, Treasurer. George Altman was Editor of the *Bulletin*.

Morris Rosenblum was Chairman of the doctor's division of the Esther Hamilton Alias Santa Claus Show. Due to his effort, the doctors contributed over a thousand dollars.

New members that month were James Anderson, Henry Bauer, Harold Hassel, N. G. Kastellorios and Angelo Riberi.

There was much discussion about doctors becoming enrolled in Social Security. Old Age and Survivors Insurance it was called then. The majority of our members were not in favor of it.

Sidney Keyes was elected President of the Mahoning Chapter of the Academy of General Practice. Erhard Weltman was President-Elect. Retiring President Robert R. Fisher was named "General Practitioner of the Year."

Dues were \$75.00 for the MCMS, \$35.00 for the OSMa, and \$45.00 for the AMA.

### TEN YEARS AGO — JANUARY, 1973

The new President was Dr. C. Edward Pichette, who wrote an inspiring message to the membership in regard to the proposed changes in the delivery of medical care. It proved to be very prophetic. If space permits, it will be printed elsewhere in this issue of the *Bulletin*.

President-Elect was Dr. John Melnick and rightly so, after doing such a masterful job as Editor of the *Bulletin* researching the history of the Mahoning County Medical Society and recording it all in the Centennial year of the *Bulletin*.

Secretary was Dr. George Dietz and Treasurer was Dr. Y. T. Chiu. New Editor of the *Bulletin* was Dr. William Moskalik. The installation banquet was held at the Ramada Inn with a surprising turnout of 140 members! Dr. Holden was presented a plaque to commemorate his year as president. He, in turn, presented a new gavel to incoming President Dr. Pichette. (The gavel was hand-made by Dr. Pat Cestone). Retiring Editor Melnick received a bound volume of the 1972 *Bulletin*. Entertainment was provided by the Abraham Brothers and a group from the Youngstown Ballet. A good time was had by all.

New Associate Members that month were Richard W. Juvancic, M.D., Ramiro Albarran, M.D. and Howard Jay Reuben, M.D.

There were 294 active members, 24 associate members and 20 non-resident members.

Robert R. Fisher, M.D.

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